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SUBJECT: RUMORS OF US-NORTH KOREA CONTACT

FOR THE SECRETARY FROM ZURHELLEN, ACTING EA

1. IN PAST COUPLE OF DAYS WE HAVE HAD TWO PRESS QUERIES
HERE ASKING FOR COMMENT ON RUMORS THAT AN AMERICAN
REPRESENTATIVE HAD MET WITH NORTH KOREAN PRESIDENT KIM
IL SUNG DURING HIS RECENT TRAVELS. THESE WERE TURNED
OFF BY EA, AT HABIB'S INSTRUCTION, AS BEING UNTRUE.

2. EMBASSY BUCHAREST NOW REPORTS THAT JAPANESE DCM THERE
UNDER INSTRUCTIONS STATED GOJ HAD PICKED UP RUMOR TO
EFFECT "A REPRESENTATIVE OF DR. KISSINGER" HAD BEEN IN
CONTACT WITH KIM IL SUNG OR HIS PARTY IN BUCHAREST.
DCM ASKED IF THIS WAS TRUE AND IF SO WHAT WAS DISCUSSED.
HE INDICATED SAME QUESTION WOULD BE PUT TO USG IN SEOUL
AND WASHINGTON.

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3. THIS LOOKS LIKE ONE OF THOSE STORIES THAT MAY PICK

UP MOMENTUM AND APPEAR IN OTHER PARTS OF THE WORLD.
IT MIGHT BE WELL TO SCOTCH IT AT ONCE, AND I RECOMMEND
YOU GIVE US AUTHORITATIVE STATEMENT FOR USE IN ANSWER
TO ANY INQUIRIES.

4. SCOWCROFT CONCURS. INGERSOLL

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